

## **CALFED OPERATIONS MEETING NOTES**

**Wednesday, May 22, 2013**

**1:00 – 2:00 p.m.**

### **SWRCB Update (R. Satkowski)**

The Final Report prepared by Brock Bernstein on the Workshops held to support Phase 2 of the SWRCB Process has been finished.

The next steps after the Phase 2 workshops are to request input into the SWRCB process from the Delta Stewardship Council and the Delta Science Program. Information received from them will be distributed to stakeholders in the Phase 2 process.

The SED for Phase 1 will be finalized by summer/fall of 2013 in response to comments received so far.

Water transfers in 2013 will be expedited per Governor Brown's most recent Executive Order

### **Fisheries Update**

**Chinook Salmon, Steelhead and Green Sturgeon (B. Byrne)** – A good indicator of salmon populations in the San Joaquin River is provided through the Mossdale trawls. 4500 juvenile Chinook salmon have been caught in the trawls since April of this year.

Chinook salmon and steelhead have been released at Durham Ferry in the last several weeks; survival estimates will be made later. Other studies are being done to provide data which will support VAMP data from previous studies.

Sacramento River: Winter-run and late fall run migrate past Chipps Island in April and May. Chipps Island catch showed an increase in April.

Salvage at Project Export Facilities for 2013 to date: Steelhead ITL = 3000, Actual Take = 1742. Winter Run ITL = 10,656, Actual Take = 731. No green sturgeon taken during 2013.

**Delta smelt** (E. Gleason) – Juvenile smelt take for 2013 is greater than 30% of the 2013 ITL so far; SWG expects to see a drop in salvage in the next week or two.

**Longfin smelt** (C. Dibble) – OMR no more negative than -5000 cfs is adequately protective of longfin smelt; conditions appear favorable given the current distribution of longfin.

**DOSS** – The Inflow/Export ratio for April and May of 2013 is 1:1 per the Biological Opinion. The OMR flow limit has been tripped occasionally during April and May by the

salvage density triggers at the export facilities but is has never limited project operations with the I/E ratio in place

**SOG** – The water year type has been classified as Dry on the Stanislaus River requiring a base flow of 200 cfs at Goodwin Dam from now on; the April-May pulse flow per the BiOp was modified in response to the OID/SSJID sale of 80TAF for environmental purposes.

### **Water Project Operations**

CVP – Keswick @ 13000 cfs; Nimbus @ 1000 cfs; Goodwin @ 300 cfs , Jones PP @ 800 cfs

SWP – Oroville @3000 cfs, Clifton Court @ 700 cfs, and Delta Outflow approx. 7,100 cfs